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MEMBERSHIP OF BULGARIAN ORGANIZATIONS

LISTS TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN BULGARIAN ORGANIZATIONS -- New York, Bulgarski Pregled /Organ of the National Committee for a Free Europe/, Mar 53

Bulgarian newspapers have published the following figures on membership in Bulgarian organizations: Fatherland Front (OF), 2,000,000; Bulgarian Communist Party (BKP), 430,000; Bulgarian Agricultural People's Union (BZNS), 800,000; General Trade Union (ORPS), 900,000; Cooperative Labor Farms (TKZS), 3,200,000; Central Cooperative Union (TsKS), 1,250,000; Union of Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Societies (BSBD), 1,700,000; Dimitrov's Union of People's Youth (DSNM), 900,000; Septemvriyche Pioneers /a junior organization within DSNM/, 560,000; Bulgarian Red Cross (BChK), 725,000; Union for the Defense of Peace, 5,000,000 /sic/; Union of Democratic Women, 627,000; independent art groups, 250,000; Union of Physical Culture, 800,000; Voluntary Organization for Defense Cooperation (DOsO), 142,000; and Ready for Work and Defense (GTO), 200,000.

These figures probably are exaggerated. The total Bulgarian population is only 7,200,000, of whom at most 5,000,000 are adults.

Sofia, Naruchnik na Agitatora, No 17, Jun 53

There are 16,000 committees for the defense of peace in Bulgaria.

Stalin, Stalinsko Zname, 5 Feb 53

There are 109 DSNM organizations in Tervel Okoliya.

BSD EXPANDS -- Sofia, Bulgaro-Suvetsko Edinstvo, 7 Feb 53

The Blagoev Rayon BSD (Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Society) in Sofia includes 99 BSD sections with a total membership of 47,000.

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During the 1951-52 school year, 98 Russian courses [organized by the BSD] were successfully completed by a total of 1,042 students in Blagoev Rayon. During the present school year (1952-53), 184 Russian courses have been organized [in the rayon].

Only three Russian courses were given [by the BSD] in Sandanski Okoliya during the 1951-52 school year. At present, 37 elementary and 3 intermediate Russian courses are being given in the okoliya to a total of 654 students. All of these courses began early in October 1952.

In General Toshevo Okoliya, Stalin Okrug, 37 Russian courses are attended by a total of 657 students.

During the 1952-53 school year, the Union of BSD established 776 Russian courses in Bulgarian enterprises. These courses are attended by a total of 15,887 workers, according to Emiliya Kavafan, Chief of the Culture and Education Section of the Central Council of the Union of BSD.

Thus far [since 1 January 1953] a total of 3,400 new members have joined the BSD in Pleven Okrug, and six new BSD sections have been established in Teteven and Troyan okoliyas. The okrug operates 490 Russian courses, which are attended by a total of 9,000 students.

In Samokov and Samokov Okoliya, 80 Russian courses have been established, but only 61 are active. The present BSD membership in the okoliya is 8,053.

Blagoevgrad, Pirinsko Delo, 28 Feb 53

According to Ivan Drashkov, chairman of the Blagoevgrad Okoliya Council of the BSD, a total of 4,461 new members joined the BSD and 49 Russian courses were given in the okoliya in 1952. In honor of the Fifth Congress of the Union of BSD, the okoliya council and local societies pledged themselves to recruit 4,000 additional members.

Khaskovo, Ročopska Borba, 25 Feb 53

The BSD in Ivaylovgrad Okoliya organized 24 Russian courses for a total of 435 students during the 1952-53 school year.

Rodopska Borba, 28 Feb 53

The BSD in Khaskovo Okrug offered 320 Russian courses to a total of 6,000 students in 1952. Over 29,000 persons in the okrug joined the BSD [during 1952]. The BSD in Svilengrad Okoliya accepted 3,000 new members [during 1952], and the BSD in Ardino Okoliya, 3,100, including over 1,000 Turkish women.

Mekhmmed Ushev, chairman of the Madan Okoliya Soviet of the BSD, stated on 15 February 1953 that the Madan Okoliya BSD now includes 6,620 members; it gives 12 Russian courses to a total of 139 persons.

Dinko Atanasov, chairman of the Khaskovo Okoliya Council of BSD and first secretary of the city committee of the BKP, stated on 15 February 1953 that the work of the Khaskovo Okoliya BSD in 1952 was satisfactory.

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Pleven, Septemvriyska Pobeda, 21 Mar 53

The Pleven Okrug BSD organized 497 Russian courses in the okrug in the beginning of the school year. Of these, only 390 are in operation, because courses were established in some localities where there are no Russian language teachers. Pleven Okoliya and city offer 107 courses; Svishtov Okoliya, 73; Lovech Okoliya, 69; Nikopol Okoliya, only 39; and Troyan Okoliya, only 38.

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